

## Message Text

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ACTION FAA-00

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 MCT-01 DOTE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07  
NSAE-00 /019 W  
-----181040Z 076983 /21  
R 180840Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5728

C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 0154

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, AG  
SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING PROCEDURES

REF: 76 STATE 290525

1. EMBASSY HAS MADE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE  
ANSWER TO QUESTION POSED REFTEL, ALL TO NO AVAIL.

2. BELIEVE PARTIAL REASON IS GENERAL NATURE OF QUESTION:  
"IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL IN ALGERIA HAVING DECISION MAKING  
AUTHORITY IN REGARD TO AIRCRAFT HIJACKING." ON ASSUMPTION  
THAT QUESTION DOES NOT RELATE TO TECHNICAL (E.G. WHICH  
RUNWAY TO USE) OR OPERATIONAL (E.G. HOW MANY GUARDS TO  
POST) DECISIONS, WE SURE THAT ALL RESPONSIBLE ALGERIAN  
OFFICIALS FULLY AWARE THAT ALL RPT ALL DECISIONS OF  
SUBSTANCE (E.G. FROM WHETHER TO POST GUARDS, ON UP) WILL  
BE MADE AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND ABOVE. IN GENERALLY  
ASCENDING ORDER, BUT ALSO DEPENDING UPON NATURE OF THE  
DECISION, THESE PERSONS WOULD BE: MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR  
COLONEL MOHAMED BEN AHMED ABDELGHANI; MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS MR. ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA, AND PRESIDENT  
BOUMEDIENE.

3. TO PLUG INTO DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WE  
SUGGEST USG CONSIDER EMBASSY AS CHANNEL AND WE  
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WILL SCRAMBLE AS BEST WE CAN. IF ANYONE IN GOA  
HIERARCHY IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIVE, WHICH WE  
DOUBT, FOLLOWING IS MOST LIKELY INDIVIDUAL:  
MR. SMAIL HAMDANI, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AT  
PRESIDENCY, GOVERNMENT PALACE, AVENUE DE PEKIN,  
MOURADIA, ALGER (TEL 60-03-60 OR 60-58-65).

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